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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Reply Comments; DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340; RM-11683

Dear Chairman Genachowski:


As a consumer of wireless services and devices, I can plainly see how access to broadband spectrum is an integral part of our lives. From keeping up to date with news, social media, sports, and businesses, there is no limit to the type of information we have access to at our fingertips.

There are currently a few competitors in the broadband market. As I understand it, Virginia based LightSquared is willing to sell its service capacity wholesale, which would create competition and drive down the cost of wireless for consumers. In following this matter, I agree with many of the comments submitted in these proceedings. Ohio based PowerNet Global Communications has stated that LightSquared's network will foster new entrants into the wireless market, which in turn will allow for new innovative business models to increase consumers overall access to wireless broadband services. The greater access to mobile spectrum will ensure that this level of connectivity will be reliable and cost effective for future generations.

Access to connectivity has changed the way we do business, disseminate information and communicate with one another. However, as more and more people use smartphones and tablets, there is a risk that the available spectrum can be compromised. The solutions that LightSquared has proposed could start us on the path to resolving this issue and ensuring that connectivity to mobile spectrum is available to all who need it.

Please consider the social and economic benefits of increased, reliable wireless spectrum when reviewing LightSquared's proposal.

Sincerely,

  
Donna Wheeler